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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

Tentative agreement reached

UPI, administration agree on principals of contract, still need BOT, union members' approval

By **Melanie Schneider**
Administration editor

The faculty union and administration Friday reached a tentative three-year contract agreement after about 18 hours of negotiation with a federal mediator on Thursday and Friday.

David Radavich, vice president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois and chief negotiator, said the mediator was very helpful in reaching an agreement.

"I think everyone's really relieved and happy that we have a good contract," he said. "I think

we're on track to move forward in a positive new direction under (Eastern) President (Carol) Surles."

Bob Wayland, chief negotiator for the administration, said in a written statement the tentative agreement was mutually satisfactory.

Radavich said principles of the

contract were agreed upon, but he could not give any details about the contract until he met with Wayland to work on the final wording of the document.

The contract is still tentative until it is ratified by the UPI mem-

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Committee supports LANDesk program

By **Geneva White**
Campus editor

An advisory committee Friday approved a motion to advise the President's Council to implement, on an optional basis, a computer program that the faculty union says violates privacy issues.

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee is advising the President's Council to implement LANDesk Management Suite in faculty PCs on an optional basis. Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois charged last month the installation of LANDesk violates privacy issues.

Through LANDesk, Information Technology Services would be able to keep inventory of all computers with the program and work on those computers from a central location via a remote control option.

UPI officials requested the university "cease and desist" installing LANDesk on campus in a letter to Eastern President Carol Surles in November. UPI President Susan Kaufman said in the letter the issue was determined to be a "mandatory subject of bargaining, and must be addressed at the bargaining table."

The motion, proposed by Hank Davis, chair of the technology standards subcommittee, passed on a voice vote with Faculty Senate member James Tidwell, Mary Wohlrahe, representative for the Council on Academic Affairs and Pat Feswell, distance learning coordinator, voting against the proposal, saying the program needs further assessment.

Davis first asked for the motion to have LANDesk implemented on every university PC. He then asked that it be optional for faculty who may have reservations about the program.

"We know these concerns about contractual issues," he said. "Our recommendation is that this be implemented only to those who ask for it."

Tidwell said prolonging the vote would be the best decision.

"I'm going to vote 'no,' not because of any concerns I have, but because of the process," Tidwell said. "I think we'll have fewer problems if we postpone."

Because the faculty contract negotiations with the administration had not been settled as of Friday, Wohlrahe said she did not think it was a good idea to approve the motion to implement the program.

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Celebration hits the heart of Charleston



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Kelly Munyon scoops chestnuts out of a bucket onto a skillet for fellow Charleston resident, Kevin Lasley to "Roast them on an open fire." Saturday night on the corner of seventh and Monroe Avenue at the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston Celebration. The nuts, which took minimal preparation, were free to anyone who would sing the famous Christmas Carol. Munyon said the roasted Chestnuts tasted like baked sweet potatoes.

Horse-drawn carriages take the right-of-way at annual holiday gala

By **Matt Neistein**
City editor

Not even intermittent drizzle could dampen the warmth of the holiday cheer that blanketed Charleston's Square Saturday night.

Crowds packed sidewalks and children sat atop their parents' shoulders to get a better view of the amazing window displays store owners concocted for Charleston to admire. Families weaved among streetlights adorned with wreaths while the regal Coles County Courthouse, trimmed in golden

lights, provided a grandfatherly presence.

Rooftops on the Square were also aglow with lights and more than a few red and white Santa hats were sported by visitors, including a dog. People strolled slowly across blocked-off streets.

Dozens waited in lines for free rides in horse-drawn carriages and buggies that clip-clopped around the Square, and gleeful shouts from children who saw Minnie and Mickey Mouse were tempered by the quiet laughter from adults who gathered to watch two boys have a

faux snowball fight in a Doughty's window.

Several people were gathered around a hibachi on a corner, roasting chestnuts.

A parade led off the celebration when Santa Claus, who later delighted visitors at the Charleston Teen Reach, was escorted to the Square, with Mayor Dan Coughlin as grand marshal.

Afterwards, visitors were treated to music from the Charleston High School Band, Eastern's Elementary School Chorus and in

around the courthouse.

Another Santa reclined in The Pawn Shop's window, petting a stuffed deer with a red nose. Teenagers reenacted Jesus's birth in the manger with an adorable baby at Off The Wall. A woman sat in front of a fireplace stringing popcorn at MG & G Human Services.

Weber Jewelry & Gifts transformed its window into a winter wonderland, with diamonds serving as ice, and a gingerbread house

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Federal judge tosses out lawsuit in Murray State University dorm fire

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge in Louisville has tossed out a lawsuit accusing a former Murray State University employee of negligence in a fatal dormitory fire at the school.

U.S. District Senior Judge Edward H. Johnstone ruled this week that Joe Green, a former MSU public safety director, is protected under state sovereign immunity from the lawsuit filed in July by Michael Priddy of Massac, Ill.

The lawsuit claimed Green was negligent because he had failed to set up a security system to protect students on campus

when the Sept. 18, 1998, arson fire started on the fourth floor of Hester Hall.

The fire seriously injured Priddy and killed a fellow fourth-floor resident, Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla.

"It's going to make the holidays a little bit brighter for us," Green said Friday of Johnstone's ruling. "My heart still goes out to both of those families."

A federal lawsuit was filed in May on behalf of Minger's estate against Green and David Wilson, the university's associate director of housing. District Judge Thomas B. Russell in Louisville

dismissed that action on Sept. 8.

In throwing out Priddy's suit, Johnstone cited Russell's ruling of sovereign immunity used in the Minger dismissal.

Priddy's father, Wayne Priddy, said he planned to appeal Johnstone's decision, which was issued Monday.

On Wednesday, Minger's parents, Johnny and Gail Minger of Niceville, sued several MSU officials in Calloway Circuit Court, alleging discrimination.

The lawsuit says their son was discriminated against because he was not allowed to live off-campus although he had a disability.

Official: Third airport unlikely

ROCKFORD (AP) — Plans for a third Chicago-area airport "are probably not doable" and the state should look at Rockford's airport as an alternative, the chairman of the U.S. House Transportation Committee said Friday.

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., offered a well-received boost for the Greater Rockford Airport during a tour at the facility managed by area Rep. Donald Manzullo, R-Ill. Shuster listened as officials from around northwestern Illinois pitched their favorite regional transportation projects, from the expansion of U.S. Route 20 between Freeport and Galena to an intermodal cargo hub in Rochelle.

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bership and approved by Eastern's Board of Trustees said Shelly Flock, spokesperson for the administration.

Last month, UPI voted 129 to 87 to allow all tenured and tenure-track faculty and academic support professionals who are fair share payees to vote on contract ratification. Fair share payees are employees who pay monthly fees to the union but choose not to join. Flock said. Previously, voting rights were limited to only members of the union.

UPI and the university bargaining teams have been negotiating a contract since June. The old contract expired on Aug. 31 but was extended throughout negotiations.

Mediation was jointly requested by both teams on Oct. 27. The mediation service was provided by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Federal mediator Don Hampton, from Indianapolis, met with the teams three times before the contract was agreed upon.

Hampton was unavailable for comment Sunday.

Radavich said he would like to thank the students and the campus community for their support throughout the negotiation process.

"They've been very supportive in conversations and they have talked to their parents about the situations," Radavich said. "It's been very encouraging."

Union members still are planning on finishing their visits to residence halls to talk with students, Radavich said.

"I think it will still be nice to talk to the students that we didn't get to before," Radavich said.

UPI member Carol Dudley said the talks with students so far have been very successful.

"We got a very good response," Dudley said. "I think they (students) are glad we made the effort and we will continue to do that."

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exhibition was shown at Absolute Impressions.

A young man in a military uniform from the 1940s sat with a young lady, also in period clothing,

eating a meal in the Uptowner, with newspapers from the World War II era scattered across the table. In another Uptowner window, a man and a woman from the 1800s collected cranberries for Christmas decorations.

Hairdressing was the window dressing at the Razor's Edge, as stylists cut and styled the hair of

models for those gathered to listen to a barbershop quartet croon Christmas carols outside.

Another group, a trio, sang outside Cobb Portraits in 1940s clothing.

Ebenezer Scrooge tormented Tiny Tim in the window of Hawker and Replogle Certified Public Accountants, while ballerinas and

Nutcracker dolls performed opposite a toy train set in another window on the Square.

Members of the Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site walked among the crowds in mid-1800s costumes wishing visitors happy holidays while a huge elf in a green outfit wandered around entertaining children.

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"I think that would be reasonable in the face of some of these issues," she said.

Monica Griffith, a systems analyst with Information Technology Services, gave a presentation during the meeting and tried to dispel some of the rumors revolving around LANDesk.

"We feel that faculty and staff deserve prompt, accurate and satisfactory software support," Griffith told the committee. "(LANDesk allows for) faster response times and more accurate support."

One of the major advantages of LANDesk would be faster software distribution, Griffith said. Computers with the program would be able to have additional software automatically installed at any time, eliminating on-site visits by software technicians.

"With this product we can schedule those machines to record software updates during non-working hours," Griffith said.

Some advisory committee members questioned how the remote control option part of

"We feel that the faculty and staff deserve prompt, accurate and satisfactory software support. (LANDesk allows for) faster response times and more accurate support."

Monica Griffith, systems analyst with Information Technology Services

"the program could affect their privacy."

"I have confidential files on my desktop," Fewell said. "It's not that I (distrust the program), but there's information out there I can't let people see."

However, Griffith said only eight people from ITS would be able to work on computers through the remote control option.

"The remote control would allow the fewer than eight management consoles to manipulate the machines," she said.

Alan Baharlou, chair of the geology/geography department, asked Griffith if he would

have to give permission to anyone wanting to work on his computer with the remote control option.

Griffith assured Baharlou an icon would appear on his screen requesting his permission before his computer could be accessed through the remote control. Users have 20 seconds to respond to the icon.

"If you say 'no,' I will not grant permission, permission is denied," she said. "If you deny permission, no matter how many times that management console requests it, it's going to be denied."

With LANDesk, ITS can offer more security to users because any foul play on the system would always be logged, said Dave Henard, associate vice president of ITS.

"We will have eight licenses (for LANDesk operators) available, and only trustworthy employees will be doing this," Henard said. "If someone uses this to read e-mail it would be logged and that person would be subject to disciplinary action."

Currently LANDesk is being used in some administration computers and the Gregg Triad computer lab, Henard said.

Tidwell said he plans to discuss the subject at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

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Interviews being held for vice president for business affairs

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Four candidates for the position of vice president for business affairs will interview for the position during the next two weeks.

Gail Richard, chair of the search committee, said the vice president for business affairs is the chief financial officer for the university.

"(The position) is under the president, but the person is responsible for administering all aspects of the business affairs area," Richard said. "That includes things like the budget office, human resources, Information Technology Services and facilities, so it's pretty broad in the areas that it covers."

Richard said the university advertised for the position in September and early October, and there was a national search conducted.

"The committee reviewed applicants in the first part of November," she said. "Then the committee did phone interviews and reference checks and narrowed it to the four candidates coming in for campus interviews."

Richard said she did not know the salary for the position, but she said there was probably a designated range and Eastern President Carol Surles would negotiate that with the chosen candidate.

The subcommittee hopes to give their suggested candidate recommendations to Surles before January, she said.

"We are trying to give a recommendation to the president before the first of the year," Richard said. "The president makes the final decision, which is approved by the Board of Trustees."

The first candidate who will interview for the position today is Heather

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Gail Richard,
chair of the search committee

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Haberaecher, who is the vice president for finance and administration at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. She has held that position since 1994. Haberaecher was a former assistant vice president for budget and finance from 1990 to 1994, and the director of budgets from 1981 to 1990 at Northeastern Illinois University.

Haberaecher will have an open meeting session from 4 to 5 p.m. today with all interested faculty, staff and students in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Another session is scheduled at 7 p.m., also in the 1895 Room, which is open for Coles County community residents, Eastern foundation members and members of the university community.

The second candidate, Joseph Annul, will interview on Wednesday. Annul is the director of financial affairs and comptroller at Kent State University since 1990. From 1985 to 1990, he was the comptroller for Cleveland City School District. He also worked at Ports Petroleum Company, Inc. from 1983 to 1985 and as comptroller at Myers Industries, Inc. from 1980 to 1983.

Annul will have an open meeting session from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the 1895 Room of the Union. A community session also will be held at 7 p.m.



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

'Tis the season for giving

Charleston resident Sharon Frame, looks at a piece of art for sale with the assistance of Sue Rardin, secretary of the art department, Sunday afternoon in The Table Arts Center. The proceeds from the holiday merchandise went to the artist and the Art Department Scholarship.

Wednesday in the 1895 Room.

Terrence Duffey, the third candidate, will interview on Thursday for the position.

Duffey is the assistant dean for administrative affairs at the University of Illinois College of Medicine from 1993 to the present. From 1986 to 1993, he was the comptroller at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, and he was the chief for the office of planning and budgeting for the Illinois Department of Public Aid from 1983 to 1986.

Duffey will have an open session from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Union.

An open community session will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The last candidate, John Scarpitti, will interview for the position on Dec. 16. Scarpitti has been the chief executive officer for LaSalle University since 1997. He was vice president for the University of Findlay from 1988 to 1997 and the vice president of Danville Area Community College from 1980 to 1988.

Scarpitti will have an open meeting session from 4 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 16. A community open session will be held at 7 p.m., also in the 1895 Room.

Jeff Cooley has been the acting vice president for business affairs since Morgan Olsen left the position for another job opportunity. Richard said Cooley did not apply for the position.

Student exec finds strength in extracurriculars

By Chris Sievers
Staff writer

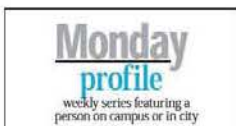
Not many students can say they've met the governor, even fewer can say they've received an award from him.

Cortney McDermott, a senior political science major and student vice president for academic affairs, was awarded the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Award, given to students who display excellence in academia, curricular and extra curricular activities.

McDermott said members of Eastern's faculty and staff nominated her for this award; she specifically noted Pat Holycross, Rosemary Harris and Sandy Frick from the College of Education and Professional Studies.

"It means a lot more to me to be recognized by those who nominated me than to be recognized at the State Capital Building by the governor," she said.

Along with being student vice



president for academic affairs, McDermott said she is involved in Sigma Kappa sorority, president of Model United Nations, a member of several honorary fraternities, was the former president for the political science association, a member of Panhellenic Council, Rho Chi and is a honors tutor.

McDermott said she has won numerous awards during her three years at Eastern, the most amazing award to her was the one awarded to her at the Model UN convention — the most outstanding delegate award.

"A big portion of the Midwest competes (for this award) and they pick a few awardees," she said.

She noted this was the first year



photo courtesy of Cortney McDermott

George Ryan and his wife, Lura Lynn, presented Cortney McDermott, a senior political science major with The Lincoln Academy of Illinois Award during the Student Laureate Award Ceremony in November in the Hall of Representatives in the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

that an Eastern student has won an award at Model UN.

McDermott said she also was given an award for her outstanding

community service — an award given to one member of the Greek community each year.

She also was awarded the Eunice Dougherty Award for academics, which is given to one member of the College of Sciences annually.

The biggest achievement for McDermott was the newspaper pilot program that was implemented this semester with the help of Student Government.

"I found the idea a little over a year ago and I knew I was going to try to get it (at Eastern)," she said. "I wasn't sure it was a possibility."

"To see the pilot program come in was my biggest achievement in Student Government so far. Hopefully, my biggest achievement would be to actually bring the full blown program here."

McDermott said her biggest enjoyment in life is her family.

"In all ways my family is my base . . . for support and guidance," she said.

In the future, McDermott said she plans to go to graduate school in London. She then plans to come back to the United States to go to either law school, with the hopes of one day becoming a United States Supreme Court Justice or medical school, possibly in the field of neurology.

McDermott said her three years at Eastern "has been a difficult road," especially since she is in the university and departmental honors programs. McDermott also said she has been taking graduate level classes while taking her senior level classes.

"It's been difficult to say the least," she said about her thesis on the transition in political power from Mao Zedong to Deng Xiaoping in China.

She said being involved in her numerous activities has forced her to become more organized.

"I've been running like a crazy woman all over town, but it has been worth it," she said.

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The product of compromise

After a year and a half of planning and compromise, the Council on Academic Affairs approved changes to the General Education program.

All of the faculty members on the council voted for the changes and the three student members voted against the changes.

Following the decision, two student members resigned from their positions on CAA, one specifically citing the council's vote on general education.

While each member should vote their conscience, student members need to realize that many votes are the product of compromise.

Many faculty members may have had concerns about aspects of the revisions, but supported them as a whole.

In an e-mail to CAA members, Mark Davenport explained his decision to resign saying: "CAA provided the illusion of student representation ... All three student representatives voted against the General Education proposal, and faculty members arrogantly refused to even entertain our concerns."

Both faculty members and students on CAA took students concerns into considerations when voting on the proposal, which is one reason why it has taken CAA one and a half years to develop the final proposal.

The main sticking point came from the well-being courses.

Student members voted to keep the well-being courses, Nutrition and Well-being, Principles of Human Health and Fitness for life, but faculty members voted to eliminate the courses as they are currently set up.

If the courses are restructured to fit the new objects of general education, they can be presented to CAA later and then be added to general education.

College is a learning experience and not all of that learning comes from the classroom. Part of it comes from practical experience and learning to compromise.

This is something that faculty members have learned to do, and it is something student members should learn to do.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

All government — indeed, every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act — is founded on compromise and barter.

Edmund Burke,
British statesman and orator, 1729-1197

A few tips for unprepared test-takers

First question. True or false. No recognizable words. What should I do? I frantically scan the first page of the test. Nothing clicks. I flip the pages of the test searching for just one question that makes some sense to me. Nothing.

I know I'm not the only one who has gone into a test somewhat unprepared but thinking they could pull off a decent grade and then realizing the test was much harder than ever could be imagined.

By the time I realized I was not nearly as prepared as I needed to be for this test, which also happened to be a final, I only had a few options. I could crumple up the test, throw it on the ground and walk out of the room; I could cry until my tears had smeared all the ink on the test; or I could keep my cool and use my common sense to do the best I could with the knowledge I had.

I went with option "C."

When taking a test you are completely unprepared for, you start paying attention to the little things like punctuation and words written in bold or italics like "always" and "never."

In these situations I always put a lot of faith in answers like "all of the above" or "none of the above." If I can rationalize that one of the answers could possibly be correct then I confidently mark the answer "all of the above." Same thing goes for "none of the above" questions.

Another thing I have found helpful when taking tests I am completely unprepared for is analyzing the punctuation the teachers uses when writing the questions.

For example, on this particular test that I was completely unprepared for (I wasn't being lazy, I just didn't realize what exactly we were going to be tested on) I found great success in reading into punctuation.

One of the true false questions on the test was a laundry



Meghan McMahon
Editorial page editor

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list of ideas followed by an ellipsis, you know those three little dots following a thought indicated more information could follow but the teacher did not want to waste time or space.

The ellipsis, I was able to rationalize, must imply the question was true and more could have been written to support the original statement.

Maybe it's just me, but I think professors want to help

you out on some of the questions and that is why they use ellipsis and things like that.

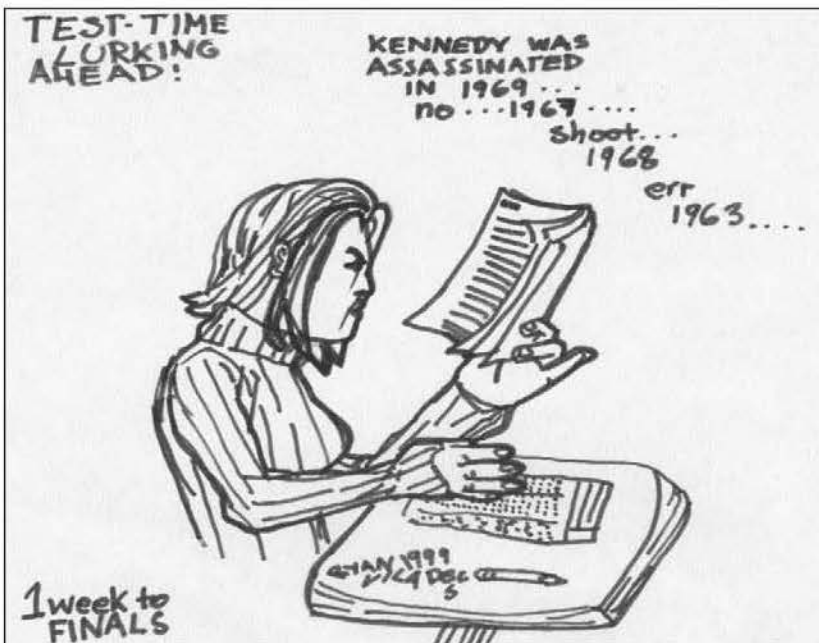
My last suggestion for those test takers out there who open the test and think they are reading something in Latin is simple common sense.

Common sense helped me a lot on this particular test. Just by realizing the Cold War was an actual event between the United States and the Soviet Union involving the spread of communism and the nuclear arms race I was able to answer a couple of questions. It didn't even matter that the questions dealt with isolationism and primacy.

I'm not trying to condone students not study for tests, especially with finals lurking around the corner. Even the best of students are sometimes less prepared than they would like to be for a test, and they deserve a chance to know how to get the best of what little knowledge they have.

I could have cried over my final on Friday, or left the classroom in a fit of anger, but instead I stuck it out. And I don't think I did that bad, although I'll let the teacher be the judge of that. And I can guarantee I'll never walk into a test unprepared again.

■ Meghan McMahon is a senior journalism major and a biweekly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*. Her e-mail address is cumkm7@pen.eiu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author.



Fraternity men show disrespect for Eastern

I am writing in concern of the tailgating that went on at O'Brien Stadium Nov. 13. Tailgating is an activity that our school lets everyone participate in free of charge. I was absolutely disgusted by the men of a particular fraternity who participated in the tailgating festivities.

When they left the tailgating, they also left a ton of trash on the ground. I counted four trash cans within 2 feet of where they were partying that should have been used for that purpose. There were not only beer cans, but also boxes that held the beer, trash of all kinds and food. Whatever those men are supposed to stand for was not at all represented Saturday.

There also were some girls from a sorority involved in these actions with

the men from the fraternity. They too should not go unrecognized for their poor actions.

I feel that the reputation of the fraternity was not met by those men out there that day. Those men want to be adored in every aspect, just as everyone else does, but when they do things like that they lose all kinds of respect from not only myself, but of their peers and teachers as well. I do not know if they feel that they are too good of a fraternity to throw their trash away, or if everyone on this campus should bow down and kiss the ground they walk on, but with that kind of behavior, they will not get the respect that they want. If the school cancels tailgating one day,

maybe those people who disrespected the school, their fraternity and nature will regret what they have done.

Jen Wilson
sophomore special education major

Your turn

Letters to the editor

Deadline Wednesday

The deadline to submit letters to the editor to in the paper this semester is Wednesday. All letters received after Wednesday will appear in the newspaper next semester.

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Death penalty opponent to speak

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

Bud Welsh is a typical middle-class American man from Oklahoma whose life drastically changed when his daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing. Welsh is on a speaking tour and will speak out against the death penalty tonight.

The speech will be held at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

Welsh has owned and operated a Texaco station for 30 years, but after his 23-year-old daughter Julie went to work on April 19, 1995 and never came home, Welsh did a lot of soul searching, said Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Catholic Center, which is sponsoring the speech.

Welsh currently is traveling to share his story and feelings with oth-

ers on his opposition to the death penalty. Lanham said Welsh was one of the first of the surviving family members to go out and publicly state his disagreement with the execution of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nicholas, who were convicted for their involvement in the Oklahoma City bombing.

He has made television and radio appearances sharing his view on the death penalty and even has testified before Congress to encourage people to think about where they stand, Lanham said.

Revenge does not stop murder and Bud Welsh has responded with forgiveness, Lanham said.

He said Welsh speaks from his heart as well as his head. Welsh believes state-sponsored death is not the solution; it will not bring his

daughter back, Lanham said.

Welsh, an award winning speaker, has taken his feelings to the road to get his word out and has become an outspoken opponent on the death penalty, Lanham said.

In his presentations, Welsh wants people to think about whether the state should have the right to take a person's life.

Lanham said this presentation will offer an opportunity for dialogue and will give people a chance to sit and experience an important social issue.

There will be a luncheon and discussion with Welsh at noon today at the Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave.

The event is free and faculty, staff, students and community members all are welcome to attend.

Lighting Old Main a community event

By Geneva White
Campus editor

The more than 2,000 Christmas lights that twinkle on Old Main each year is something the entire campus community always has enjoyed.

"I think people have grown to look forward to seeing it because it is a sight, especially if you're coming up from Sixth Street," said Carol Strode, assistant director of facilities planning and management. "We get a lot of favorable comments about how nice it looks."

Strode said the lights are put on Old Main each year by the electric shop during Thanksgiving break.

"They do it so the very first night (the lights) are lit is the day before Thanksgiving," she said.

Old Main has been decorated with lights every year since 1992, Strode said. The tradition began out of a joint venture between the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and Eastern.

"The Chamber of Commerce purchased the original

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Carol Strode,
assistant director of facilities planning and management

lights to install on our building because the chamber was (decorating) the buildings downtown. So it was a community effort to decorate our building in a similar manner," Strode said.

While putting the lights on Old Main can be time consuming, fortunately the job lacks the hassle that generally comes with putting up Christmas lights.

"If only one light goes out, the rest stay lit," Strode said. "That's not a problem. It's not like we've got to check all of them."

TWA pulling jets from Peoria, for now

PEORIA (AP) — Trans World Airlines plans to suspend its jet service to Peoria on January 10, 2000, the airline says.

The decision will leave TWA customers in the city in the hands of Trans World Express, the airline's commuter affiliate, which flies propeller-driven aircraft to TWA's hub in St. Louis.

TWA said the move is necessary because the airline is reshuffling its jet fleet. It hopes to resume jet service in Peoria perhaps by the middle of next year, said spokesman Jim Brown. "We still believe there's a big market there for jet service."

TWA began flying jets here April 5, to supplement TW Express service, which was widely criti-

cized for frequent delays and canceled flights. TW Express has seen on-time performance rise and cancellations drop in recent months, making TWA jets expendable, airline officials said.

Peoria will still have jet service from United Express and American Eagle, both of which use 50-seat jets to fly to Denver and Chicago.

daily briefing

FBI says body found may be missing student from Chicago

EADS, Tenn. (AP) — A Chicago family that held out hope for two weeks that their missing daughter was alive appeared to expect the worst Saturday, after a woman's body was found in a field near this small town, about 25 miles east of Memphis.

Authorities waited for positive identification and a cause of death, but early evidence led them to believe the body was that of Hillary Johnson, 24, a University of Memphis graduate student who has been missing since Nov. 20, Memphis police Lt. Dave Martello said.

Martello would not say what condition the body was in or whether it was concealed, citing the ongoing investigation. He also could not say what led searchers to the area, although FBI officials in Chicago said searchers who found the body had been following leads around the clock for two days.

The body was found about a mile off U.S. Highway 64, about 50 miles from Tipton County, Miss., where Johnson's white Hyundai was found last week, authorities said.

used by Benjamin Smith during his shooting rampage across the Midwest last summer.

Donald Fiessinger, 64, pleaded guilty Friday to federal charges of selling guns without a license. He told U.S. District Judge Michael Milam that he held a federal license when he owned a pawn shop but let the license expire.

Fiessinger sold Smith two guns used during a shooting spree that left two people dead and nine wounded in Illinois and Indiana over the Independence Day weekend. All the victims were Jewish, black or Asian.

A Bryco .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun and a .22-caliber handgun were found with Smith's body after he committed suicide July 4 near Salem, Ill. Fiessinger admitted selling those guns to Smith.

Southern system looks to future as changes loom

CARBONDALE (AP) — It was only a minor office mishap, a few shelves collapsing in front of Chancellor John Jackson. But in a way, the recent scene in Jackson's office was a lot like Southern Illinois University's year: loud, a little messy and ending with Jackson unflinchingly going about his business.

For months, Southern administrators and faculty members have been dogged by conflicts that just won't go away, from the firing of the Jackson's predecessor to a questionable vending contract to the recent resignation of the school's controversial president, Ted Sanders.

Faculty members at both campuses have expressed fears that continuing instability at the university's flagship campus will make it more difficult to attract quality teaching candidates, students and lucrative research grants.

There's hope that a new president would help heal the wounds and serve as a bridge between the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

Gun dealer who armed racist pleads guilty to weapons charge

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Newspaper editors talk with Eastern students, faculty

By Christy Kilgore, Amy Thon
and Chris Sievers
Staff editors

Editors from newspapers around Illinois visited Eastern Friday to speak to students, faculty and area journalists about industry issues.

The symposium, "Covering the News in the Next Millennium - Now," was sponsored by the journalism department along with Mid-America Press Institute, an organization headquartered in the journalism department that holds five continuing educational weekend courses per year.

Ted Daniels, managing editor of the *Indianapolis Star*, spoke at the morning session and said redefining the newsroom was the toughest thing to do as a newsroom manager.

Daniels said the *Star* recently went to the team approach rather than the traditional approach of newsroom organization.

"Journalist don't like change," he said. "It took persuading to get teams accepted by staffers."

Daniels said the team approach to newsrooms improves coverage of news by merging "beats" together.

Daniels said a benefit to the team approach to the newsroom is all reporters write hard and soft news.

"The best story ideas come from the street up," he said.

Daniels said every newspaper that has gone to the team approach has struggled with the concept.

"Everybody gets consumed with working on their own stuff," he said.

During the lunch speech, Frank Caperton, executive editor of the *Indianapolis Star*, spoke on his 37 years in journalism and offered suggestions to future journalists.

Caperton advised students to work at a newspaper with a good publisher and said he was fortunate to spend two-thirds of his career at newspapers with the top people in the business.

"No paper, in the long run, can be better



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Sue Schmitt, editor of *Sun Publications* in Naperville, discusses innovative and successful ways to gain readership of weekly newspapers in suburban neighborhoods. Schmitt was one of four speakers at the Journalism Department sponsored symposium titled, "Covering the News in the Next Millennium."

than its publisher," he said.

He also stressed the importance of training for a journalism career and said he does not believe in the 12-week crash courses some newspapers are offering.

"It takes a lifetime of training and commitment to become a reporter," Caperton said.

Newspapers need to engage readers with investigative and important feature stories, Caperton said.

"Engaging readers includes puzzles and comics that people like to read, but it also is serious journalism that takes on serious issues," he said.

The afternoon sessions began with Peggy Bellows, editor of the *Decatur Herald & Review*, whose lecture was titled, "The Community Agenda: Enabling Your Community Readers to Change Your Community."

Bellows discussed the ways the *Herald &*

Review initiated its community agenda plan two years ago to help the community "grab a hold of itself."

At a strategic planning session the editors of the paper determined four issues the community, which houses major plants for several manufacturing companies, including the world headquarters for chemical preservative giant Archer Daniels Midland, needed to focus on including environment, economic development, race relations and education.

"Someone needed to bring up the issues," Bellows said.

After plans were laid out for the new civic journalism expedition, the paper published a front page outlining its "Blueprint for Change," where a new community agenda logo and the paper's plans were presented to the readers.

Bellows described the initiative as "a call to action to ourselves and our community."

As a result of the heightened community involvement, Bellows said the community seems to find the paper to be more approachable.

The symposium ended with Sue Schmitt, editor of *Sun Publications* in Naperville, who spoke on the implementation of 15 weekly newspapers in the Chicago suburbs.

Copley North newspapers purchased a three-day per week publication in 1981 that spurred a hugely successful chain of 15 weekly newspapers focusing on small geographic areas and local news.

Schmitt said when the four Copley dailies were losing circulation like many other dailies in the country, the company decided to try the weekly newspaper in hopes of providing news that really affected its readers.

"The traditional family kind of supported reading the paper every day," she said. "People are busier today."

Although people want to know the news every day, she said there are readers who do not have the time to dedicate to sitting down with a newspaper every day. *Sun Publications* targets these "non readers."

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Four to interview on campus for graduate dean position

By Shauna Gustafson
Staff writer

Interviews for the graduate dean will begin today and four candidates will have on-campus interviews with the university community.

Beginning today, and running through Dec. 14, interviews will be held with the four applicants.

The position of graduate dean has been open and Robert Augustine is currently the acting dean.

Wayne Powell will be the first candidate to interview today beginning at 9 a.m. He is currently working as the graduate dean at Oklahoma State University. He received his doctorate in mathematics from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1978.

Powell will interview with the Dean's Council from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the Council of Chairs from 11 to 11:45 a.m., graduate coordinators from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., an open forum for faculty from

2:30 to 3 p.m. and with the International Student Organization from 4 to 5 p.m.

Carol Blackshire-Belay will interview on Wednesday. She graduated with a doctorate in Germanic linguistics from Princeton University in 1988. She is currently a professor and chair of the department of African and American Studies at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Blackshire-Belay will interview with the Dean's Council from 10 to 10:45 a.m., the Council of Chairs from 11 to 11:45 a.m., graduate coordinators from 1:30 to 2 p.m., an open forum for faculty from 2 to 2:45 p.m. and with the International Student Organization from 3 to 4 p.m.

Charles Dye, the current Graduate Dean at the University of Akron, will interview Friday. He graduated with a doctorate in historical foundations of education from Washington University in

1971.

Dye will interview with the Dean's Council from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m., the Council of Chairs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., graduate coordinators from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., an open forum for faculty from 3 to 4 p.m. and the International Student Organization from 4 to 5 p.m.

Augustine, who will interview on Dec. 13, graduated with a doctorate in communication disorders and sciences from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1985. Before taking over the position of acting dean, Augustine was chair of the department of communication disorders and sciences at Eastern from 1990 to 1997.

Augustine will interview with the Dean's Council from 10 to 10:45 a.m., the Council of Chairs from 11 to 11:45 a.m., graduate coordinators from 1:30 to 2 p.m., an open forum for faculty from 2 to 2:45 p.m. and the International Student Organization from 3 to 4 p.m.

City council to discuss comprehensive plan

By Matt Neistein
City editor

Charleston's Comprehensive Plan, which has been in the making for several years, will be discussed Tuesday night by members of City Council for final approval.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The plan, which was created by the firm of Pflum, Klausmeyer & Gehrmann and altered through input from several public meetings, will guide the development of Charleston for the next 20 years and beyond.

Mayer Dan Congill said he doesn't foresee any problems with approving the plan since most complications have been worked out

through the public meetings.

Also, council members will get a look at the city's five-year work plan. This plan, which is based on the comprehensive plan, outlines construction and other work city departments will do over the next five years in order to avoid clashing jobs.

For example, if the city plans on widening a street in the comprehensive plan, but also plans on running a new water line beside it, the work plan reconciles the jobs so that two periods of construction will not be needed in one area.

In other business, the city will consider an agreement with Mooney Motors, 18th and Lincoln avenues, to purchase three squad cars for the Charleston Police Department.

Faculty Senate to hear reports on Fall Forum in last meeting

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Faculty Senate Tuesday will hear reports from three subcommittees that have been examining issues brought up by faculty members during the Fall Forum.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 2504 in Buzzard Hall.

The three subcommittees will discuss faculty development and its impact on students, faculty development and its impact on faculty and faculty development and its impact on the community.

Faculty Senate Chair Bonnie Irwin said senate members also will discuss international students' fees.

"We have received communications from faculty and students who would like to discuss the fees," Irwin said.

Faculty Senate also will continue its discussion of university planning and hear committee reports, Irwin said.

"I expect this to be the last meeting of the semester," Irwin said. "Occasionally we meet during finals week, but members have said they would rather not have a meeting."

Eastern to celebrate 'new beginnings'

By Geneva White
Campus editor

Eastern will celebrate the holidays for three days next week through gatherings that are open to students, faculty, staff and community members.

The event is titled, "Celebrating Traditions and New Beginnings," and kicks off 4 p.m. Monday in the foyer of Old Main. The celebration will begin again from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday also in the foyer of Old Main. Eastern President Carol Surles is hosting all three gatherings, a press release stated.

"Those attending can sample holiday goodies while

viewing festive decorations and listening to live music performances of Eastern's department of music," said Shelly Flock, director of media relations. "There will be five live holiday trees that have been decorated by campus groups that will add to the festivities."

Monday's entertainment will be provided by the EIU flute choir, with the EIU Charnet Choir performing Wednesday and the EIU Faculty Brass Quintet performing on Thursday.

This is the first year Eastern's holiday celebration has been spread out for three days. Flock said she believes Surles wanted to ensure everyone gets a chance to partake in the tradition.

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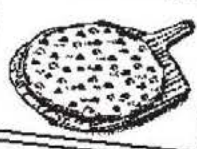
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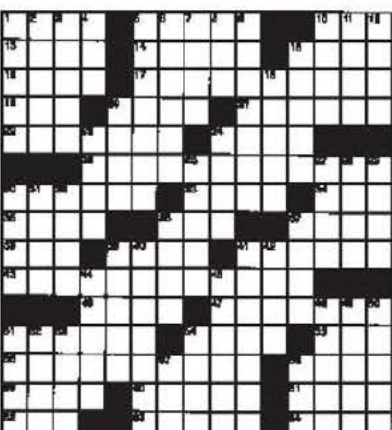
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Tennessee Tech forwards Larrie Smith and Adonis Hart took full advantage of Eastern's rebounding woes with both of them attaining career highs in rebounding. Smith grabbed 18 boards including 10 offensively, and Hart pulled down 13.

For the third consecutive game the Panthers had five players scoring in double figures and for the second straight game it was the starters who accomplished the feat.

Leading the way with 20 points was Matt Britton. Britton, a junior point guard, also added six assists.

Junior guard Kyle Hill had another good all-around game. Hill had 15 points to go along with six rebounds and six assists.

Merve Joseph continued his good play of late, scoring 18 points and grabbing five rebounds. Marc Polite chipped in 13 points and added a team-high nine rebounds while center John Smith



Eric Walters / Staff photographer

Panther sophomore Luke Sharp waits for a rebound in the Panthers' Nov. 29 win over Illinois College. The Panthers are coming off of an overtime loss to TTU.

came through with 14 points to round out the double figure scorers for the Panthers.

"It's very encouraging for us to have this many players in double figures but, we need to have an

idea of who we can go to in crunch time," Samuels said.

"We just need to have someone to go to, whether it be Hill or John Smith making 10 to 15-foot jumpers."

SEMO volleyball team loses in NCAA tourney

By Troy Hinkel

Staff writer

After winning the Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament in dominating fashion, Southeast Missouri State's volleyball team lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Playing against Loyola-Marymount (20-11), SEMO (28-6) lost the match in five games 8-15, 6-15, 15-11, 15-5 and 18-20.

The Otahkians entered the tournament with a 21-match winning streak that included only one loss in the last 29 matches.

SEMO was trying to become the first team in OVC history to advance into the second round of the NCAA tournament; however, they came up a little short.

For the Otahkians, Lea Beckemeyer led the team with 19 kills and four blocks while teammate Krista Haukap added 17 kills and

nine digs.

The loss ended SEMO seniors Angie Aschoff, Amy Henken and Angie Derwort productive careers.

Aschoff ended her career with the second-best kill percentage in OVC history and fifth most block assists. Henken finished 12th in OVC assist history while Derwort, who has been plagued by injuries, finished with the eighth best hitting percentage in OVC history.

Loyola-Marymount led after three games without the play of their top player, Sarah McFarland. McFarland leads the nation with a kill per game average of 7.51.

For the game, the Lions were led by Jaimee Brubacher with 24 kills and Lydia Day, who added 17.

Loyola advanced into the second round where they lost in four games to UC-Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara is currently the seventh-ranked team in the nation.

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Golden Eagles soar over Panthers

Defending OVC co-champ dominates Eastern, hands women second straight loss

By Troy Hinkel
Staff writer

Eastern's women's basketball team was out-matched this week-end as the Panthers lost to the Tennessee Tech Golden Eaglettes 82-44.

The loss runs Eastern's record to 1-4, 0-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers lone win came at home

against Chicago State in the only game that has been played in the confines of Lantz Gymnasium.

With hopes of repeating as Ohio Valley Conference champions, the Eaglettes have jumped out to a 2-0 OVC record with a 3-3 overall record.

Tech dominated the game with a potent offense that shot 52 percent from the field while also shooting 47 percent from behind the three point arc.

In contrast, the Panthers shot only 34 percent for the game while shooting only 22 percent from three point range.

"They made shots when we didn't and they just played a whole lot better than we did," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said.

The shooting difference enabled the Eaglettes to build up a lead of 21 at halftime. It was more of the same in the second half as Tennessee Tech outscored Eastern by 17.

Shooting was not the only key to the game for Tech, as the Eaglettes out-rebounded the Panthers 42-30. The rebounding difference was one of the explanations to why the Eaglettes shot 18 more times than the Panthers.

"That was a big factor, even more than steals and shooting because they were able to get second shots," Wunder said.

Tennessee Tech's passing game also was more productive as they

dished out 12 more assists than the Panthers while also committing five fewer turnovers.

Eastern, coming off a horrid ball handling game against Middle Tennessee in which the Panthers finished with 34 turnovers, committed 20 turnovers against the Eaglettes.

The downfall for the Panthers was the combination of three Eaglettes players, Diane Seng, Rachael Gobble and Alison Clark combined for 51 of Tennessee Tech's 82 points.

Seng, an All-Conference first team member from last season, finished with a game-high 20 points in only 20 minutes of action.

Gobble and Clark controlled the game from behind the arc, combining to go 9-for-15. They also handled the ball well as they only gave up four turnovers between them. Gobble finished the game with 12 points while Clark finished with 19.

"They shot well from three point range," Wunder said. "Clark was 5-for-6 in the first half and that hurt us."

Last year's OVC Freshman of the Year and OVC Player of the Week from last week, Janet Holt, led the Eaglettes with a game-high 10 rebounds while Megan Isom led them with a game-high eight assists.

The biggest bright spot for Eastern was the added minutes of center Leah Aldrich-Franklin. After playing only four minutes against Middle Tennessee, she played 23 against the Eaglettes while leading Eastern in scoring with 15 points and rebounds with seven. She also added three blocks.

"She played better," Wunder said. "She came in and gave the team a spark in the first half."

Angie Patzner also played a key role for the Panthers as the senior added eight points with no turnovers. Renee Schaul led the Panthers with four assists while playing a game-high 31 minutes.



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor
Panther guard Michael Forrest waits for a teammate to get open in Eastern's Nov. 29 win over Illinois College. The Panthers lost to Tennessee Tech 107-97 in double overtime Saturday.

Men's team falls to Tech in double OT

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer

After winning at Middle Tennessee Thursday night, Eastern's men's basketball team traveled to Cookeville, Tenn. to take on Tennessee Tech.

Despite a strong effort, they lost to the Golden Eagles 107-97 in double overtime.

"I'm a little disappointed,"

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "We had some chances to close the game out, and chances to maintain our lead, but we just couldn't."

In their second conference game of the season, the Panthers could not muster up enough offense to stay with the Golden Eagles throughout both overtimes, as Eastern was outscored 13-3 in the second half. And in the opening three minutes of the second overtime, Tech scored the first nine points.

Eastern's inability to rebound, and their poor shooting from the free throw line proved to be fatal in the loss.

The Panthers were out-rebounded 54-37, and shot a dismal 61 percent from the line.

"They were a little more physical under the boards than we were," Samuels said.

The Panthers inept rebounding was most evident when in the second half with time running out, the Golden Eagles got two offensive rebounds and on a third attempt, Leigh Gayden buried a three pointer to send the game into overtime.

"We have to start getting the crucial rebounds," Samuels said. "That really hurt us with not getting those rebounds."

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I wonder if the Panthers are counting cards

Talk about having the deck stacked against you from the very beginning. First-year women's basketball coach Linda Wunder knew she had her work cut out for her as the season began, but I don't think she expected anything like this.

The Panthers are now 1-4 after dropping their first two Ohio Valley Conference games on the road against Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech over the weekend.

When you are losing, it is easy to make excuses and say the world is out to get you. While the entire world may not be against the Panther women's basketball team, it seems like the team has managed to upset a few people.

Not much has gone right for the Panthers in the early going of the season.

The schedule makers apparently had a grudge against Eastern, forcing the Panthers to go on the road to open the season with back-to-back games against the 1999 OVC co-champions.

Injuries cut the Panthers' roster nearly in half for the first few weeks of the season. Even the Panthers' exhibition season was cut short when their opponents canceled on them at the last minute.

The Power Alley



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And then you always have to allow some time for an adjustment period when a new head coach assumes control.

For a while, the Panthers seemed ready to accept the challenge placed before them. Eastern came away from Middle with a respectable showing, overcoming a 15-point halftime deficit to pull the game to within six points before finally falling by 15.

Even though Eastern stunned the Raiders late in the season last year, this was a game Eastern was not supposed to win. For the Panthers to even be close was a good sign.

Tech was a much different story for Eastern. The Panthers managed only 17 first half-points and eventually lost by 38.

Once again, it was a game Eastern was not supposed to win — and they didn't.

But when you consider that just a few weeks ago Eastern had only seven of its players actively practicing, it is not quite time to hit the panic button yet.

You can not start making excuses, especially this early in the season, but with all the factors stacked against them from the beginning, the Panthers desperately needed to ease their way into the season.

They weren't able to do that and are apparently paying for it now. And things will not get much easier for Eastern as they hit the road to face Tulsa next and then return home to host Missouri.

Now is the time we will see the character of this Panther squad. Last season was tough on Eastern, finishing at 5-21. This season is shaping up to be just as trying.

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